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Col. John Michelburne,
Late Governor of *Londonderry* ;
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R E G I M E N T then under his Command.

TH E Eminent and Acceptable Service perform'd to the Crown of *England*, in that vigorous and gallant Defence of the City of *Londonderry*, during the Siege which was begun by the *Irish* in the Year 1689, is so well known, that it will need no further Recommendation here, than to shew the Opinion which the best of Judges had thereof, even the King Himself ; as may appear by that most Gracious Letter which He was pleas'd to send to the Governors, immediately after the Raising of the Siege : The Copy whereof follows.

W I L L I A M R E X,

TRusty and Well-Beloved, We greet you well : The eminent and extraordinary Service you have perform'd to Us and Our Kingdoms in general, by your late resolute and unparallel'd Defence of that Our City of *Londonderry*, as it doth oblige us in the first place to an humble Acknowledgment to Almighty God for his signal Mercies in supporting the Hearts and Courage of our good Subjects, amongst those great and various Distresses, arising from a furious Opposition without, and yet a more pressing Necessity within those Walls, and sending them at last Deliverance, and bringing them by your Conduct to triumph over their Enemies, which we cannot but attribute to an immediate Divine Assistance, inspiring them with a Zeal for the True Religion, a Love for their Country, and an unshaken Fidelity towards us ; and must ever own it as a continuance of that Miraculous Providence, which has hitherto conducted us throughout in our Endeavours to re-settle these Nations in all their Civil and Religious Rights and Liberties : So, in the next place, taking into Our serious Consideration, as well the Importance of this Success, as the Constancy and Bravery by which it has been brought to pass ; We will not omit signifying to You the just sense We have of the whole Action ; in which having the greatest Opportunity that can be put into your hands of any Subjects of obliging their Prince, You have in all Points acquitted your selves to Our satisfaction, even beyond what could be expected : Insomuch, that it now lies on Our part to make such Retribution, as well to You, the Commanders in Chief, who have been the happy Instruments, under God, of this Deliverance ; as others, who have signaliz'd their Loyalty, Courage, and Patience in this time of Tryal ; that all Our Subjects being encouraged

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raged by this Example, may be stirred up to the Imitation of it in the like Hazardous, but Honourable Enterprizes: We Will therefore, that you rely on Our Royal Favour towards You; as also, that in Our Name, you assure the Officers, Soldiers and Inhabitants of that City, that We will take a fitting Occasion to recompence their Sufferings and Services in Our Cause: So that neither they, nor any other of Our Loving Subjects, shall ever have reason to repent them of a Faithful discharge of their Duty. And so We bid you farewell. Given at Our Court at Hampton-Court this 16th Day of August, 1689.

To George Walker, and John Michelburne,
Esquires, Governors of Londonderry.

Shrewsbury.

Yet notwithstanding that His Majesty had so largely express'd His Gracious Acceptance of this Service; upon the Stating of the Accompts of the Army in Ireland (which now lies before the Parliament) the said Colonel Michelburne and Regiment, are not brought into Pay till January following, which was the Year 1690, which excludes them 10 Months and 25 Days short of the rest of the Forces; notwithstanding they receiv'd Commissions, Mustered, and did Duty equal with the rest of the Army: And what Money, Cloaths and Provisions they receiv'd in the Year 1689, was stop't from them out of their Pay in the Year following; because (as they were told) they were not put upon the Establishment till that time: And that this may appear beyond contradiction, we have thought fit to insert the Copy of a Report, upon the Petition of Colonel Michelburne, refer'd to a Committee of the Honourable House of Commons, in the Year 1698.

" UPON Examination of the Matter contained in Colonel Michelburne's Petition; It doth appear to this Committee, by a Commission under His Majesty's Hand (when Prince of Orange) bearing date the 5th Day of February 1688, That the said Colonel Michelburne was thereby appointed Major of a Regiment Commanded by Colonel Sheffinton; with which Regiment the said Colonel Michelburne march'd into the Town of Londonderry in April before the late Siege, where he continued with his Regiment in Defence of the Place till the Death of Colonel Baker, which happen'd about the middle of June, when Colonel Michelburne was chosen by the whole Garison Governor and Commander in Chief with Dr. Walker; the said Colonel Michelburne performing all the Duty during all the Difficulties of the Siege, having all the Charge of the Military part; and, by God's Blessing and Assistance, defended the City to the last Extremity, until happily reliev'd with Provisions by Major-General Kirke: Upon which the Enemy rais'd their Siege, burnt their Camp, and march'd off.

" That upon Major-General Kirke's coming into the Town, the said Colonel drew out the Garison, when the said Major-General did Muster the said Colonel Michelburne's Regiment upon View, and gave him a Commission, dated the 3d Day of August 1689, to be sole Governor of the said City, and Colonel of the said Regiment.

" And it further appeared to this Committee, by His Majesty's Royal Letter under His Sign-Manual, dated the 6th of August 1689, Counter-sign'd, Shrewsbury, and Directed to George Walker and John Michelburne, Esquires, Governors of Londonderry; Graciously acknowledging the Eminent and Extraordinary Services perform'd by them (as His Majesty was pleas'd to Express it) in the resolute and unparallel'd Defence of the said Town; and therein promising a just Retribution, as well to the Commanders in Chief, who had been the happy Instruments, under God, of that Deliverance, as others, who Signaliz'd their Loyalty, Courage, and Patience in that time of Tryal; and that His Majesty would Recompence their said Service and Sufferings.

" And it further appeared to this Committee, That the said Colonel with his Regiment in February 1689, by the Command of Duke Schonberg, did join the Army, and was posted upon the Frontiers, and hath continued in His Majesty's Service till the 4th of April last past, when they were Disbanded in Ireland.

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“ And it further appeared, That His Majesty was Graciously pleased by his
“ Commission dated the 11th Day of *August* 1690, to confirm the said Colonel
“ *Michelburne* the Command of Colonel of the said Regiment, with a Clause in
“ the said Commission, To take place, as if the said Commission bore date the
“ 10th Day of *March* 1688.

“ It also further appeared to the Committee, by an Accompt Sign'd by
“ Mr. *Pansford*, Deputy to Mr. *Fox*, Paymaster-General of *Ireland*, That there
“ remain'd due to Colonel *Michelburne* and his Regiment for their Pay, from
“ the First of *January* 1689, 16028 *l.* 18 *s.* Out of which Sum there ought
“ to be deducted as paid to the said Colonel for the Use of his Regiment at
“ three several Payments, before they were upon the *English* Establishment,
“ 1078 *l.* 19 *s.* 6 *d.* as is certify'd by Mr. *Abbott*, then the Deputy to Mr. *Har-*
“ *bord*, late Paymaster-General of His Majesty's Forces in *Ireland*; so that there
“ remains due to the said Regiment on this Foot 14949 *l.* 18 *s.* 6 *d.*

“ There also remains due to the said Colonel *Michelburne* for his Pay, as Gover-
“ nor of *Londonderry*, at 20 *s.* per Diem, during the time he Commanded there,
“ 992 *l.*

“ And the said Colonel *Michelburne* delivered in a List of the Officers of his
“ said Regiment, which is hereunto annex'd.

Upon which Report the Honourable *House of Commons* were pleas'd to Address
His Majesty on his behalf; but being still wanting of their Pay, he is inforc'd to
make this further Application; in which he asks no more, but that he may be
put upon equal Terms with the rest of the Army; whereas he and his Regiment
have not yet receiv'd any Pay (excepting the above-mention'd 1078 *l.* 19 *s.* 6 *d.*)
for Ten Months and Twenty-five Days, in which that Remarkable Defence of
Derry is comprehended: And therefore he hopes it may be thought but just,
That as much Regard should be had to this Debt, as to any other Arrears of the
Army, since the Service perform'd for it hath been esteem'd of as great Conse-
quence to the Nation, as any thing else that hath been done during the War,
by those that receiv'd their Pay in due time.

It may further be offered in behalf of Colonel *Michelburne*, That 'twas the con-
tinuing in his Post, and not leaving it at a time when the Service required his
Attendance, that brought him under this inconvenience and loss: For who can
doubt, but that if he had come for *England* with Dr. *Walker*, he had been at least
as well intituled to a Reward for his Services as the Doctor; upon whom His
Majesty most bountifully bestow'd 5000 *l.* and also might have procured his
Regiment to have been then put upon the Establishment, and have receiv'd their
Pay in order as well as others? But indeed it hath not only been his misfortune
to have receiv'd no Reward, but even the Government of *Derry*, in which he
had been Commission'd, was procured over his head by a Gentleman that had the
opportunity of making Application for it in *England*, while he was prosecuting
the Service of *Ireland*. And notwithstanding he had arriv'd to the Post of being
the Eldest Colonel (next the General Officers) of the whole Army in *Ire-*
land, yet he was one of the first that was reduc'd in the Disbanding the Forces
there.